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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE: 100,000TH REFUGEE

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE HELD FOR RELEASE AT 11:00 A.M.,
THURSDAY, SEPT. 18, WASHINGTON TIME:

- - - 100,000TH INDOCHINA REFUGEE RESETTLED

THE RESETTLEMENT OF THE 100,000TH INDOCHINA REFUGEE IS
SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE TODAY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY MRS.
JULIA VADALA TAFT, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE
FOR INDOCHINA REFUGEES.

THE REFUGEE IS A VIETNAMESE, MR. PHAN PHU QUOC, WHO WITH
HIS FAMILY OF NINE IS BEING RESETTLED THROUGH LUTHERAN
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CONGREGATIONS IN RACINE, WISCONSIN.

SPONSORSHIP HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY THE LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE, LUTHERAN COUNCIL USA, ONE OF THE TLN EXPERIENCED VOLUNTARY REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM.

DEPARTURE WILL BE FROM THE REFUGEE RECEPTION CENTER AT FORT CHAFFEE, ARKANSAS, ONE OF THE THREE SUCH CENTERS STILL IN OPERATION BY THE TASK FORCE. THE OTHERS ARE AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA AND FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PENNSYLVANIA. A FOURTH SITE ON GUAM IS BEING MAINTAINED FOR WOULD-BE REPATRIATES. THE REFUGEE RECEPTION CENTER AT EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE WAS OPERATIONAL UNTIL LAST MONDAY.

IN MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT, MRS. TAFT SAID, "NEVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE FROM SUCH DIFFERENT CULTURAL, ETHNIC, AND RELIGIOUS BACKGROUNDS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO AMERICAN SOCIETY IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD." SHE ADDED, "THROUGH THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF THE RESETTLEMENT AGENCIES AND THE GENEROSITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE 100,000TH MILESTONE HAS BEEN REACHED IN JUST FIVE MONTHS OF OPERATION."

THE GOAL OF THE TASK FORCE IS TO HAVE THE REMAINING 35,000 CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES RESETTLED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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